

community has been immense, and his efforts to protect Colorado's outdoor beauty contribute to its pristine state.

HONORING WILLIAM F. ALLEN, JR.

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 5, 2011

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize William F. Allen, Jr. William is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 388, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

William has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years William has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, William was the first in his troop to earn the Conservation Badge. William has also joined the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and joined the Order of the Arrow.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending William F. Allen, Jr. for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 5, 2011

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately this week I was unable to participate in several votes. Had I been here I would have voted the following way:

H.R. 1213—Repeal mandatory funding provided to States in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to establish American Health Benefit Exchanges—AYE

H.R. 1214—Repeal mandatory funding for school-based health center construction—AYE

H.R. 3—No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act—AYE

H.R. 1230—Restarting American Offshore Leasing Now Act—AYE

A TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT GABRIEL HAUGLAND

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 5, 2011

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievement of Lieutenant Gabriel Haugland of Clear Lake, Iowa who recently received the Combat Infantryman Badge for his service in the Iowa Army National Guard during Operation Enduring Freedom.

The Combat Infantryman Badge (CIB) was established on October 7, 1943 by the U.S. War Department. It is awarded to those sol-

diers who personally fought in ground combat while assigned to either an infantry or a Special Forces unit.

Lieutenant Haugland, a graduate of the University of Iowa and Drake University Law School, joined the Army National Guard in May of 2004. He recently returned from serving a deployment in Afghanistan with Bravo Company, 168th Infantry Battalion. His unit's mission was to secure the border between Afghanistan and Pakistan, which consisted primarily of stopping the flow of foreign fighters, drugs, and guns into Afghanistan.

On January 8, 2011, Lieutenant Haugland's unit came under fire from the Taliban. He engaged in the fight, and thankfully was not wounded. However, he broke his leg three days later in a non-combat related accident and was sent stateside to recover. Lieutenant Haugland plans to resume his military career after his recovery.

Lieutenant Haugland is a true patriot and a true hero. I know my colleagues in the United States Congress will join me in thanking him for his service to our great country and in congratulating him for receiving the Combat Infantryman Badge. I wish him, his wife Carolyn, and their children the best of luck in the future.

RECOGNIZING MR. PHILLIP C. HOUSTON IN HONOR OF HIS RE- TIREMENT FROM THE GREENE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF DE- VELOPMENT

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 5, 2011

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Ohio's seventh congressional district, I am honored to recognize Mr. Phillip C. Houston for his 32 years of dedicated service to Greene County and congratulate him on his recent retirement.

Phil Houston grew up in the Akron area. He received his Bachelor's Degree from Olivet Nazarene College and a Master of Public Administration from Central Michigan University.

Throughout his 23 years as Director of the Department of Development for the Greene County Board of Commissioners, Phil has seen the department form into a full-service economic development organization that provides services in: small business loan assistance, structured retention and expansion, tourism, and housing down-payment assistance and education.

Originally, Greene County hired Phil to direct its annual \$3 million comprehensive Employment and Training Act Program, funds that were in jeopardy of being revoked by the U.S. Department of Labor. Within two years, Phil had remedied all the problems and his department was acknowledged for having taken appropriate steps to course-correct.

Thanks to Phil's stewardship, the county generated a fundamental Economic Development Plan, and worked with the four cities, six villages and 12 townships throughout Greene County to consolidate their efforts to improve the county. In just the past few years, more than 40 projects ranging from infrastructure improvements to community building renovations and code enforcement have been accomplished through Greene County's Commu-

nity Development Block Grant Program with Phil's oversight and direction.

Though he has made a career for himself in public service, Phil still managed to give back to his community as a volunteer. He has been involved with the American Economic Development Council, the Small Business Administration, and the Dayton Area Technology Network. He has served as a member of the County Budget Review Committee, County Adult Day Care Board, County Jail Advisory Committee, Greene County Board of Education Business Advisory Committee, and the Adult Education Committee for Greene County's Career Center.

Phil's efforts have not gone unnoticed, and he has received numerous awards throughout the years. Some of these include the Governor's Excellence Award for Innovative Economic Development and the Ohio County Superintendent's Association's Outstanding Leadership award in 1992. He was also named Greene County Adult Education Volunteer of the Year in 1990 and NAIOP Public Official of the Year for Dayton in 1991. Additionally, Phil has received five National Association of Counties, NACO, achievement awards for: increasing sales opportunities; intergovernmental cooperative efforts; cutback management; accessibility for the disabled; and assistance to the homeless.

Phil and his wife, Teresa, have two children, Erika and Brooke, two grandchildren and a third on the way.

Phil's decades of service have proven him to truly be the epitome of selflessness and commitment. He has demonstrated sincere dedication to providing prosperity and knowledge to Greene County. It is his exemplary efforts that assist the progress of our nation in fairly and efficiently protecting our citizens.

Thus, with great pride, I commend Mr. Phillip C. Houston for his commendable service to the community and extend him the best throughout his hard-earned retirement.

NO TAXPAYER FUNDING FOR ABORTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, since coming to Congress in 2001, I have strongly supported the longstanding policy that prohibits federal funding of abortion. However, I cannot in good conscience support H.R. 3, the No Taxpayer Funding of Abortion Act, which goes far beyond current policy by using the tax code to punish families and small businesses for the private insurance that they already have.

The thirty-year precedent to restrict the federal funding of abortion, commonly known as the Hyde Amendment, has rightfully served as a guarantee to citizens that the federal government shall not use taxpayer dollars to pay for abortions beyond the unique exceptions of rape, incest, or life endangerment of the mother. The Hyde Amendment is a common sense measure to prevent the federal funding of something that many oppose on moral or religious grounds. I am certainly one of those people. However, this bill does much more than make this policy permanent federal law.